

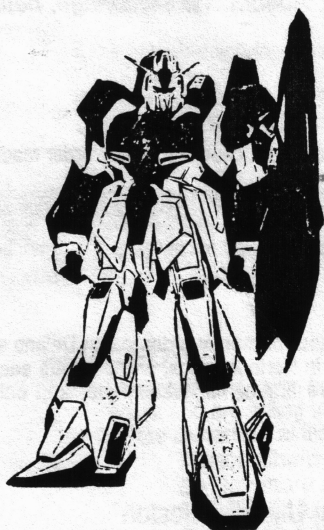
Welcome to the dog-days of summer with...

Final Stop

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Club Information

FINAL STOP ANDROMEDA is the bi-monthly newsletter of the Boston Japanimation Society, whose officers are:

Johnathan J. Delano	- secretary, programmer
Marianne Popa	- society coordinator/public relations
Burton Choinski	- newsletter editor

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Directions to BJS meetings at U.MASS Boston

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| By Train | -- Take Red line to JFK/U. MASS Station. Free shuttle buses there will take you directly to U. MASS Boston. Shuttle buses run until 4:30 PM. |
| By Car | -- Take Route 3 to exit 15 to get to Morrissey Blvd., on which U.Mass is located, across the street from Ch.56 and the Boston Globe. It's right next to the JFK Library. |
| At U.Mass | -- Walk or drive to Wheatley Building (No. 010). At present our meetings are held on the first floor, in room 109 (across from the elevators). |

Video Schedules

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All meetings begin at 1:00pm, on the second saturday of each month. See page 2 for details on how to get to U.MASS and the Video Room.

August 9th:

Main Feature: Megazone 23, Part 2 (in english)
Shorts: Dragonar
Fists of the Northstar
Music Videos

September 13th:

Main Feature: 5 episodes of Z-Gundam
Shorts: Dirty Pair

If there is a movie or episode or something you would like to see in a future meeting, please come to either Jon Delano, or the current newsletter editor with your request. Sorry, no X-rated films will be considered.

Submission Information

Hey everyone,

Final Stop Andromeda needs submissions! We can use any anime-related material, such as drawings, reviews, articles, translated material, commentary, etc. If you can draw, write, translate, and if you wanted to put your good talent to use, then what's stopping you?

This issue started off well, with a seven page submission on Z-gundam. Now, if you always want to see an issue as big and full as this one, please help out your friendly editor and send something to him, her or it as soon as you can, as much as you can, as often as you can sent it.

Send submissions to either Jon Delano (address on page 2), or to the editor of the October/November issue (address as follows).

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Submit today!

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HAVE NEVER CONTRIBUTED TO "FINAL
STOP ANDROMEDA", AND PROUD OF
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LOSING SIDE...



機動戦士

BY BILL HOLDSWORTH

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As mankind began the conquest of space the first step was the creation of space colonies, known as SIDES, each capable of holding millions of people. Made from asteroids, they are huge cylinders spun to create gravity. In order to build the SIDES, vehicles were designed which were ambidextrous and extremely maneuverable in space. These were the forefathers of the Mobile Suit. In Universal Calendar year 0079, the military forces governing SIDE 3 declared their independence from the Earth Federated Government and started what has become known as the One Year War (The first MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM series). During this conflict the Jion's, SIDE 3, developed the machines used to build the SIDES into the modern Mobile Suit and thus had a great advantage in the early days of the war. Its maneuverability unsurpassed, the Mobile Suit quickly became the weapon of space. At this same time a "New Type" of human began to evolve with enhanced mental abilities and reflexes as well as certain Psychic abilities, precognition and limited telepathic powers for the most part. New Types also had an affinity with machinery, especially Mobile Suits. The two most powerful "New Types" at that time were Amuro Rae for the Federation, who piloted the Mobile Suit Gundam, and Char Aznable for the Jions. The One Year War ended with a Federation victory and a new government was formed.

After the war the New Federation evoked a policy of total control over the colonies and formed a special elite group to enforce this policy. This group was known as the Titans. All positions of power on the SIDES were now held only by Earth born officials and the SIDES denied any representation in the Federation Assembly. In 0085 a revolt occurred on SIDE 1, the Thirty Party Incident, sparking the creation of Anti Earth United Government (A.E.U.G.). Z GUNDAM begins in 0087. The Titans are at their worst, but A.E.U.G. is gaining support slowly. The solar system stands on the brink of war.

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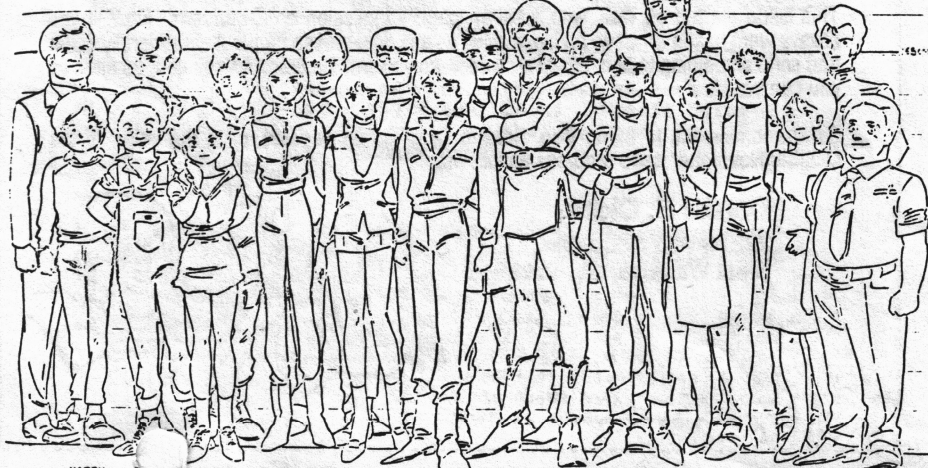
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CAMILLE BIDAN (17) - The pilot - designer of the Zeta Gundam began his piloting career in high school where he was the captain of the Junior Mobile Suiters team. Being of a volatile nature Camille is especially sensitive to abuse about his somewhat feminine name. Camille joins A.E.U.G. after stealing one of the new Gundam Mark II Mobile Suits. Franklin Bidan, Camille's father, was the designer of the modifications on the original Gundam Mobile Suit and so Camille was somewhat familiar with its design. The Titans attempt to blackmail the return of the Gundam



Mark II Mobile Suits A.E.U.G. had stolen by threatening to execute both Hilda, Camille's mother, and Franklin Bidan. The outcome is that both of Camille's parents were killed leaving him bitter but still wanting to stop the fighting. Camille, desiring to remain the pilot of the Mark II, selfishly did not want to enlist in A.E.U.G. because of his dislike of taking orders, this being a general New Type trait. Camille also was unsure that he will be able to control his developing New Type abilities. After viewing the Titans' destruction on SIDE 1, Camille finally enlists, and after a few disciplinary actions are taken on him he fits in. Camille then goes to Earth and meets up with his perfect New Type mate, Four Murasame. Four is the result of the Federation Government's

genetic experiments designed to create powerful New Types that are controllable. After returning to space Camille begins piloting the Z Gundam, and his New Type abilities are refined and honed. The return of the Jion's and the coming to power of Paptimas Scirocco causes the situation to worsen and the war to escalate. Camille returns to Earth unintentionally and again meets Four who has had her memory wiped. In a fierce battle Four is killed by Gerold Mesa, and Camille returns to space more dedicated to A.E.U.G. after the death of his love.



CHAR AZNABLE - Going by the name Quantro Bajina he has become an A.E.U.G. captain and military advisor. Remaining mysterious, his identity is revealed by many of the old White Base Crew, Hyatt, Kai, and Amuro, to which he usually replies "I am now Quantro Bajina". Eventually he reveals his true identity to the world and states that he is Casbul Rem Dykon and heir to the Jion throne. Fighting this time for a cause as opposed to personal revenge, Char has



apparently changed in the past seven years. In the end, Char's main obstacle comes from ex-lover, and regent ruler of Jion, Harmon Kaan, who would rather see him dead than not with her.

REKOA RONDO - Good friend of Emma Shin, she is a sometime spy for A.E.U.G. Captured with Kai and discovered by Paptimas Scirocco she does not appear to have too good record until her secret is revealed. crushes and good friend, she prefers of Char, who likes her as well. Methuss Mobile Armor for A. G.





EMMA SHIN - Beginning her career as a lieutenant in the elite Titans' forces, A.E.U.G.'s main foe, Emma defects after witnessing the terrorist tactics used by Captain Bask to retrieve the stolen Gundam Mark II's. She helps Camille escape after the death of his mother and steals another Mark II Mobile Suit at the same time. After viewing the Titans' solution to the protest on SIDE 1, she is accepted into A.E.U.G. and becomes a Rick Dias pilot. Rekoa Rondo becomes good friends with Emma in the early stages of her initiation. Captain Henken, the first captain of the Ahgama, begins

to develop feelings for Emma which, due to the state of war, never get the off the ground. She first rank Mobile eventually becomes II pilot with the G defender unit, Katsu Kobayashi.

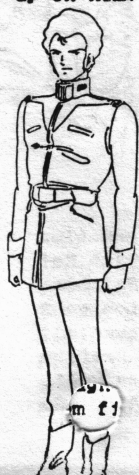


KATSU KOBAYASHI - The G Defender and sometime Nemo Pilot is the adopted son of Hyatt and Frau (Beau) Kobayashi. Katsu is a great admirer of Amuro Rae which makes life some what awkward for Amuro, who does not live up to the legend Katsu worships. Like most

New Types Katsu is irresponsible at times and does not like taking orders. Sara Zabimas is Katsu's love interest and genetic match but once again they are on opposite SIDES in the war.



FA YUIRIE - Camille's high school girl friend, she is eventually the pilot of the Mobile Armor Methuss. Their relationship is almost a rewrite of Frau Beau and Amuro Rae's. Her parents where arrested after the battle in which the two Mark II's were stolen and this reinforced Camille's hatred of the Titans. Fa takes care of the two children on board the Ahgama, Shinta and Kuma, and is angered by Camille's frequent crushes and actual love for Four though she never gives up on him.



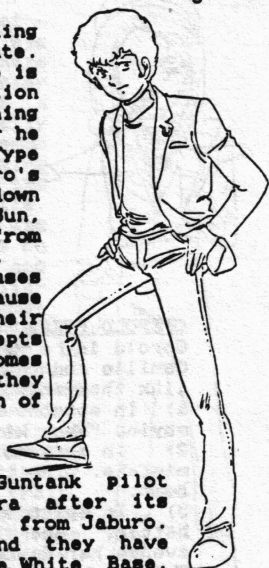
BRIGHT NOAH - The original White Base Captain is still in the Federation military when the series begins but quickly learns the error of his ways. Bright allowed the theft of the two Gundam Mark II's, his reasoning being something about not endangering civilian lives, for which the Titans officers beat him to a pulp. After joining A.E.U.G. he is made captain of the Ahgama. During the seven years since the first war he has married Mirai Yashima, the White Base pilot, and they now have two children. For this reason Mirai does not join in the fight and stays safe on Earth.

HENKEN BECKNER - The first the Ahgama and then Captain Radish, Henken is a highly though good leader. holds a warm place in his



Captain of of the emotional Emma Shin heart.

AMURO RAE - The first Gundam pilot is now spending most of his time at his huge Cheyenne, Wyoming estate. Even before the Titans - A.E.U.G. war begins Amuro is under almost constant surveillance by the Federation because he is a known powerful New Type. After joining A.E.U.G. Amuro tells Camille to return to space or he will never reach potential. This belief that Earth's the soul. The Spirit Amuro's perfect New the first Gundam scares Amuro to go into of his fear reuniting. Char as a to respect both receive a good dose of deja-vue at the death of Four.



HYATT KOBAYASHI - The old Guntank pilot becomes the Captain of the Audomura after its theft by A.E.U.G. for their escape from Jaburo. He is now married to Frau Beau, and they have adopted the gang of three from the White Base. Katsu, Retsu, and Kikka. A member of A.E.U.G. he is almost solely in charge of the on Earth campaign and eventually teams up with Amuro Rae.



KAI SHIDEN - The original Guncannon pilot, now a free journalist, his loyalties seem to be with A.E.U.G. if they are with anyone. After he rescues Rekoa Rondo outside Jaburo, they are both then captured and eventually rescued by Camille in the Gundam Mark II. Kai is the first to recognize Quantro Bajina as Char.



BELTOCHIKA ELMA - A Biplane pilot and A.E.U.G. member, Beltochika is obsessed with but one thing, Amuro Rae. From the moment she first meets him, she throws the feminine charm to extreme high. Intensely jealous of everyone

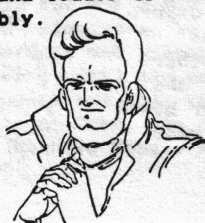


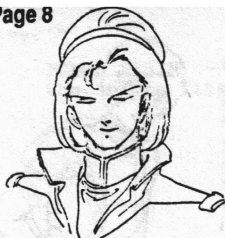
and anyone associated with Amuro she attacks Camille and Mirai Noah with utterly stupid suspicions and ideas. After a rocky start they work out some arrangement but unfortunately she is an Old Type.

WON LEE - A powerful member of A.E.U.G. he prides himself on discipline and disciplining. Won is a high representative of Anaheim Electronics, one of the space based corporations which back A.E.U.G.



BUREKKUS FORA - The founder and leader of A.E.U.G. he is also a member of the Federation Assembly.





PAPTINAS SCIROCCO - A powerful New Type and Mobile Suit designer from Jupiteris. Scirocco signs a blood oath of allegiance with the Titans. Being that he is one of the most egotistical and power hungry characters in the series, he breaks even this to suit his own plans. A brilliant engineer he personally designed the Messier Mobile Armor, as well as the Pallast Athena, the Bolinoak Sammahn, and The-O Mobile Suits. He also uses his abilities to entrance women with a touch. Scirocco casually displays his greed, power and ego throughout Z GUNDAM.

GEROLD MESA - A very egotistical Titans lieutenant. Gerold is a New Type and is Camille's arch nemesis. Camille and Gerold experience a series of events which link them inexorably.

1) In episode one, Gerold makes fun of Camille's name, saying "What kind of a name is that for a man?"
2) In episode three, Gerold kills Camille's mother by mistake. He thought the container she was in was a bomb.

3) In episode seven, Camille kills Lyla Mira Lyla in battle. She was Gerold's trainer, and he swears to avenge her death.

This back and forth rain of death continues through out the rest of Z GUNDAM. As you might have figured Gerold does not like Camille and chases after the Z Gundam when ever he gets the chance.

CAPTAIN BASK OHMA

- Titans' commander and all around nasty. Bask was personally responsible for ordering the gassing of SIDE 1. It was also his decision to place Hilda Bidan, Camille's mother, in a glass cylinder to



prove to A.E.U.G. that the Titans would execute their threats if Camille and the two Gundam Mark II's were not returned. Emma Shin's defection was a direct result of Bask's methods.



LYLA MIRA LYLA - A Federation army pilot, she was originally in the Jion military. She was the first to notice the similarities in feeling associated with the Ahgama and the old White Base, pointing out that the Gundam Mark II is not much better than the old Mobile Suits, and yet it out performs the Titans' craft. She becomes afraid of the New Types on board. An ace pilot, she is not a New Type and becomes obsessed with proving she is just as good. In the end she is proven to be dead wrong.

MAUA FARAO - A Titan's pilot and girl friend of Gerold Mesa. Maua is first seen dragging Gerold on board an over-crowded escape shuttle at Jaburo. She then reappears in space as one of the Gerold being the other. Paptinas Scirocco, she flack from his over blown enough to try and keep from fighting.



Gabthley pilots. Serving under gets a good deal of ego, but knows Gerold and Scirocco



FOUR MURASAME - The fourth product of the Federation military's Strengthening Man experiments, she is held loyal to them by the promise of the return of her memories, which of course do not exist. The pilot of the Psycho Gundam and an extremely powerful New Type, her only problem is a tendency for intensely painful head aches. In their first battle it becomes apparent that Camille and Four are perfectly matched New Types. Torn between her missing memory and her new found love for Camille, Four becomes very confused, but helps Camille return to space. The Strengthening Man program is then taken over by the Titans, and Four has her mind wiped. The Psycho Gundam strangely enough has one fault which comes to Four's aide. The mental interface systems retain the memory patterns of the pilot. This flaw in the Psycho Gundam's design restores Four's memory and her love for Camille.



YAZAN GEEBUL - A Titan's Captain and Mobile Suit pilot he is a very selfish individual who likes killing and hates orders which interfere with his fun. A powerful New Type he pilots the Hambrabi Mobile Armor.



ROZAMIA BADAM - The product of many experiments, this girl has been given the false memory of being Camille's little sister. She is a powerful New Type but does not have too much sense, for she is minus many neurons. Camille is shocked when Rozamia first finds her beloved big brother, it being much to his surprise, but adopts her as such anyway. She pilots a number of craft but ends up in the Psycho Gundam Mark II. Since it was made from the surviving systems of the Psycho Gundam Mark I it retains the personality of the original pilot, Four, in its mental interface systems. Rozamia ends up a little on the Scyzophrenic side and Camille is left with the job of what to do with his all in one little sister-love.



SARA ZABIMAS - A Titans pilot and New Type she is captured by A.E.U.G. and finds herself attracted to Katsu though this does not stop her from using him to escape. Through out the rest of the series it becomes apparent that they are perfectly matched New Types. Transferred under Scirocco he molds her into a fanatical follower and guard when he goes into battle.



JAMITOHU HAIMAN - The master of the Titans, he was responsible for securing Scirocco's blood oath and the first to feel its falsehood. Also overseeing the Strengthening Man experiments at Kilimonjaro after the Titans take over, Jamitohu is well deserving of his fate.

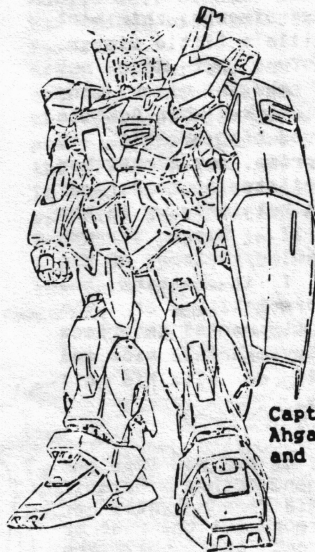




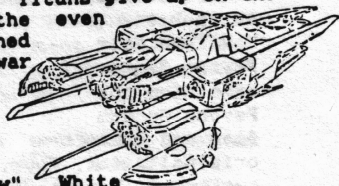
HARMON KAAN - The regent ruler of Jion and head of the Axis forces, she is also a powerful New Type. The Quebeley, her Mobile Suit, has the same capabilities as Lala Sun's craft, the Psychomu, in MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM, being able to maneuver numerous independent weapons systems simultaneously by mental control. Like many characters, Harmon is very interested in ruling the universe but is also obsessed with the taming or destruction of Char. She does not truly

want him dead, but she loves him and would rather see him destroyed than not be with her.

MINEBA ZABI - The sole surviving Zabi of the One Year War, she is the ruler of Jion, which has been hiding a large portion of its forces in the Asteroid belt. The Eight year old God daughter of Char Aznable does not like her position of acting ruler under Harmon Kaan at all and is prone to crying fits about it. Mineba's main wish is to have a normal childhood away from Harmon Kaan.

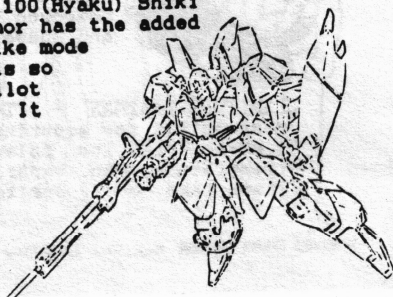


GUNDAM MARK II - A modification of the original Mobile Suit Gundam designed by Franklin Bidan for the Titans. Once stolen by the A.E.U.G., the Titans give up on the design and move on to the even newer models being turned out as the technology war begins in full.



AGHAMA - The "New" White Base, this cruiser is one of A.E.U.G.'s most powerful ships. Captained by Bright Noah, the Aghama carries the Gundam Mark II, and 100(Hyaku) Shiki Mobile Suits as well as the Methuss and Z Gundam Armor.

Z GUNDAM - A cross between the 100(Hyaku) Shiki and the Gundam Mark II, this Mobile Armor has the added ability of transforming into a plane like mode know as the Wave Rider. The Z Gundam is so complicated that only a New Type can pilot and access all its capabilities fully. It was partially designed and piloted by Camille Bidan.



Questionnaire

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The following is a questionnaire I would like all members to fill out and submit to Burton Choinski. Its purpose is to help aid the officers of the B.J.S. come up with a viable direction for the club in the future, as well as provide us with important feedback from the members. Please take the time to answer all questions, and mail the results to me at the following address:

Burton Choinski
60 Dinsmore Ave. #314
Framingham, Ma. 01701

My thanks to all who respond!

1. How long have you been a member?
2. How frequently do you come to B.J.S meetings?
3. How frequently do you come to other activities, either sponsored by or participated by the B.J.S.?
4. In what ways could the meetings or activities be improved? please be as specific as possible.
5. What other activities would you be interested in participating in?
6. What areas of the B.J.S. (meetings, activities, newsletters, etc) do you dislike? Please be as specific as possible concerning why you dislike it.

Classifieds

WANTED:

I am looking for anime books on Southern Cross and Mospeada. If you have such books and are willing to sell them, or know where I might be able to get them, please contact me at the following address. Call after 9:00pm.

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If you have an ad you want to place here, please send it to the editor of the next newsletter (as listed on page 3). In the case that your ad did not appear (due to the mail service or lack of organization by the editor), please try again. We try to please.

Point-Counterpoint

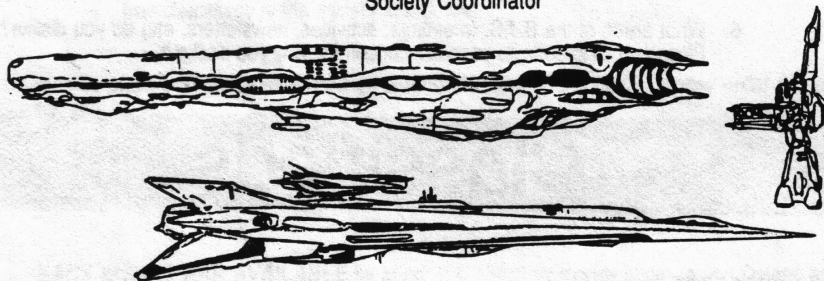
I would like to address the point made by Jon Delano in his "Counter-point" statement in issue #16 of "Final Stop" (Dec.86-Jan.87).

I disagree that the officers of the B.J.S. are to blame for "member apathy". I've tried to provide social activities for the members, paid for out of my own pocket, such as our 5th Anniversary Party and my B.J.S. Christmas Party!

I feel that the blame for "member apathy" belongs to the members themselves!! Frank Strom is right in his assessment of the B.J.S. but I believe it's not as fatal as he makes it out to be. There is hope for the club. The B.J.S. is international now. We're not just Boston anymore. I do agree that the officers must do more to encourage socializing among the members. I also think that those members who know the Japanese language (you know who you are) should contribute to the club by offering to translate articles or narrate at meetings. Plenty of people bitch about the B.J.S. but no one wants to do the work!

I think it would be worthwhile to research what other Japanimation clubs do to maybe incorporate similar activities at the B.J.S. I enjoy publicizing the B.J.S. at conventions etc. and I hope we will be able to offer worthwhile programs and activities to potential members for years to come.

Thank You,
Marianne Popa
Society Coordinator



Special Announcement

The B.J.S. is now offering to all members official B.J.S. club jackets at only \$35.98 each. Men's sizes are 30-48, Women's sizes are 6-24. Your name (first name) will be embroidered on the front free of charge. If you are interested, please call: 524-4304

Attention!

Creation Cons Inc. has just announced it has put together a 90 minute videotape of the second season of "ROBOTECH" : The Sentinals! (finally!) It will be available at all upcoming Creation Cons starting in August at the unbelievable price of \$19.95! (price subject to change).

Look for the B.J.S at the Creation Con in Boston on November 14 & 15, 1987.